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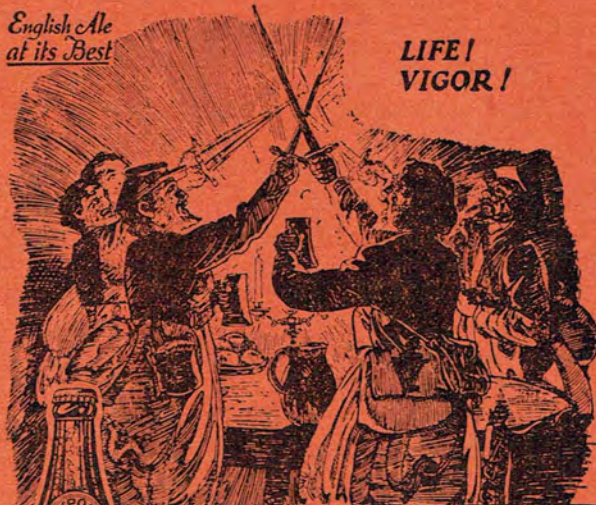
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With the Permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

The Goat Vol. II.

This number of "The Goat" is No. 12, Vol. II., which means that we have completed our second year as a monthly publication. The first number of The Goat appeared on the 17th of March, 1923, and it has been published monthly for the past two years.

OUR OBJECT

The "Goat" was first published, with the permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D., the object being to record the chronicles of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., as a means of keeping touch between past and present members of the regiment and their friends, and as an experiment to gain experience and pave the way for a Regimental Magazine.

We venture to state that our efforts have been highly successful. The "Goat" has furnished accurate records of the life of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., at St. Johns, Que., from a military, social and sporting point of view, for the past two years. We have published notes from "B" Squadron whenever possible. We have refreshed the memories of our "old timers," and educated our recruits by publishing interesting portions from the past history of the regiment. We have published articles of Canadian History closely associated with our surroundings at St. Johns, Que., and the historic Richelieu River. We have published articles and news items which could not but help but prove both interesting and instructive to all readers who are in touch with military life.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Financially the "Goat" is paying its own way. Two years ago

\$300.00 was advanced by the Canteen of "A" Squadron to give us a start, and to cover the necessary expenses connected with launching a venture of this nature. At the end of our first year we showed a credit balance of \$123.15, now at the end of our second year (excluding this number), we have a credit balance of \$276.48. It has never been our intention to derive any revenue from the "Goat"; we have endeavoured merely to pay our expenses, and all profits have been used towards editing special numbers at Christmas, etc. We now intend to repay \$200.00 to the canteen, and hope to wipe off our total debt within the next year.

CIRCULATION

Though we have managed to gain touch with many ex-members of the Regiment, and our circulation extends from the Suez Canal, Egypt, to Esquimaux, B.C., there are still many ex-members who are not subscribers. Perhaps this is due to a lack of energy on our part, perhaps it is partly due to unintended neglect on the part of those who have received sample copies, have meant to subscribe but have put it off from day to day. But the chief difficulty is that the addresses on demobilization, which we have on record, have vastly changed during the past six years. We need the assistance of every subscriber to help us regain touch with our Old Comrades.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 A YEAR.

We are now in a position to reduce our subscription from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per year to any postal address in the world, (single copies 10 cents.) By doing this we hope to receive many new subscribers, not that the reduction of 50 cents should have any bearing in the matter, but that the difficulty of having to obtain a money order to send \$1.50 through the mail will be eliminated.

THE GOAT TO BE A REGIMENTAL PUBLICATION.

We are very pleased to announce that Lt. Col. Bell, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has granted permission for the "Goat" to become a Regimental magazine, to record the chronicles of the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns. The "Goat" will be bigger and better than ever. Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D. will take over the duties of Editor next month, and will be assisted by a staff from each Station, who will each supply their quota of reading matter and advertisements. The announcement of this change is a great source of satisfaction to all members of "A" Squadron, and no doubt will be welcomed by all our readers. And we trust that all past and present members of the regiment will regard it as a sacred duty, not only to themselves but to their comrades, to do their bit towards making the "Goat" an even greater success by subscribing to it and sending in news items. These should be addressed to the Editor either at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, or the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns. The "Goat" will still continue to be printed by the E. R. Smith Publishing Company at St. Johns, Que.

APPRECIATION

As this will be the last number of the "Goat" published as an "A" Squadron paper, we cannot let it go to press without expressing our appreciation of the efforts of those individuals who have contributed to its success. The "Goat" was first started under the supervision of Major E. L. Caldwell; Q.M.S.L. A. M. Doyle acted as Editor for Vol. 1., and Captain M. Drury

edited Vol. 11. Major H. Stethem was responsible for organising our advertising and putting it on a paying basis. To the above and to their assistants we extend a hearty vote of thanks. Mention must also be made to the loyal support and assistance we have received from the staff of the E. R. Smith Publishing Company.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

To past and present members and friends of the regiment who have written articles or sent in news items to us, and to those publications who have kindly granted us permission to republish their articles, we express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks. And we wish to acknowledge officially the kindness of The Montreal Standard, The Montreal Daily Star, The Montreal Herald, The Toronto Mail and Empire, The Toronto Daily Star, The Ottawa Journal, The St. Johns News, and other publishers who from time to time have lent us cuts for reproduction.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

To a large extent our success has been largely due to the continued support of those firms who have advertised through our columns. We thank them, and solicit a continuance of their patronage, pointing out that an advertisement in the "Goat" is by no means an act of charity, but a good business investment. The wide circulation of the "Goat" places it in every Permanent Force Mess throughout the Dominion, in a great many Messes of the units of the Non-Permanent Militia, and in many private homes, all of whom are constantly in need of the articles advertised.

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COMPETITION FOR COVER DESIGN.

The Editor of "The Goat" announces that a competition will be held, with a view to selecting a suitable cover design for Volume 3. Any number of designs may be submitted by any reader of "The Goat."

Designs should be sent in time to reach the Editor by March 17th, 1925.

A prize of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be awarded for the most suitable design, if accepted.

A committee will be named by the Editor to judge the competition, and the decision of said committee will be final.

It is hoped that all readers who are artistically inclined will enter this competition and submit designs.

Personal & Regimental

Best regards are extended to the latest to join the ranks of the "Benedicts" in the persons of Cpl. George Simpkin and Trooper Alex Lauder, of "B" Squadron, Toronto.

Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., is away on two weeks' leave, which he is spending in Montreal, the guest of his mother, Mrs. D. E. Bowie.

Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., has arrived in England and it attached to our Sister Regiment, the 1st Royal Dragoons, at Aldershot.

Sergeant G. C. Hopkinson, R.C.D., has been confirmed in his rank as Sergeant Instructor, Cavalry Instructional Cadre.

The following officers from M.D. No. 7 have joined the Royal School of Cavalry to take Portion "C" of the Lieutenants Course:

P/Lieut. A. J. Taylor, 8th N.B. Hussars.

P/Lieut. J. A. Coates, 8th N.B. Hussars.

P/Lieut. R. G. Johnston, New Brunswick Dragoons.

P/Lieut. L. S. Jackson, New Brunswick Dragoons.

Trooper J. F. Birch has been taken on the strength on transfer from "B" Squadron, Toronto.

Nursing Sister F. H. Wylie, R.C., R.C.A.M.C., is away on a fortnight's leave. During this period her place is being taken at

the Station Hospital by Nursing Sister Woolsey.

We are delighted to welcome into our midst Q.M.S. Trumpeter J. Travers, of Headquarters, Toronto, who is here to conduct a course for our budding trumpeters.

"Titch," in spite of his twenty-five years service in the Regiment, looks as young as when we first met him—not twenty-five years ago. He has grown considerably, but not in height. This is Q.M.S. Travers' first visit to the Rural Squadron. He is very much pleased with the Station and is assimilating himself rapidly to the conditions of this Province, which are so totally different to those of Ontario.

Mr. C. A. Rheault, who has been for some time with the Bradley Lumber Manufacturing Co., at Ashepool, Carolina, U.S.A., is now at the head office, 92 State Street, Boston, Mass. He informs us that C.A.R. Jr. is now six months old and doing fine.

Farrier Sergeant "Umps" Taylor, of "B" Squadron, has been transferred to "A" Squadron. We welcome him back to his old hunting grounds. Farrier Sgt. Taylor was here in the old days.

The pictures we publish of the Carnival were taken by our official photographer, L/Cpl. J. R. Coulter, R.C.D.

Old Comrades.

The following has been received from "B" Squadron:

Ex. Trooper Fred Bissett, Regtl. No. 536, is now residing at 12 Grafton Crescent, Kentish Town, London, W.I., England.

Ex. Trooper T. Harbour is now residing at 17 Morrell St., Brantford, Ontario.

Personal to Editor—He is apparently very hard up and out of work and expects to have to return to hospital in the near future. We are trying to see what we can do for him here.

Ex. Trooper E. R. Barrie visited the Barracks on Sunday, February 8th, and witnessed his old teammates defeat the Farnham team.

Ex. Trooper "Paddy" Wells also paid us a visit recently. He is now at the D.S.C.R. Hospital, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Ex. Troopers A. B. Campbell and F. H. Connors, formerly of "A" Squadron, have again joined the fold and are now with "B" Squadron, Toronto.

Here and There.

Anglo-Saxons in all parts of the world have been asked to contribute funds for repairing St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The appeal is a broad one. Italian Anglo-Saxons can give in memory of Wren's conferences with and admiration for Bernini, the Italian architect, and because Wren deliberately discarded the Gothic mode and chose to follow classic Rome in his designs for the great edifice. French Anglo-Saxons will remember the strong admixture of Norman blood in British veins. Scotch, Welsh and Irish Anglo-Saxons have a patriotic interest in the British institution. The only difficulty will arise if the donation of funds is limited strictly to Anglo-Saxon Anglo-Saxons, for that strain is unknown among the cosmopolitan peoples of the modern world.

It seems paradoxical that the rise of the British pound sterling toward dollar parity should be regarded with equanimity and satisfaction by Americans. The merest elementary arithmetic shows that as the pound goes up the dollar comes down. The cheapening of the dollar can scarcely be gratifying to Americans. It is not this that gives satisfaction as the pound climbs upward. It is the fact that dollar parity for the pound means a return of Great Britain to the gold basis. Without the gold basis there can be no certainty in long-time business dealings. Trade must be hand-to-mouth and the risk of depreciation of currencies must be provided for in prices. With world currencies on a gold basis this uncertainty and this risk are automatically eliminated.

The Town Council of Hastings has refused to part with the escutcheon from the gates of Quebec which their fellow-townsmen, General Murray, brought back when, as Wolfe's right-hand man, he helped to take that fortress a hundred and forty years ago. Their reluctance to part with so interesting a relic is natural; and it seems to have been strengthened by the fact that the request for the return of the relic was made from private sources. That surely was an error in tactics. One does not hand over historic escutcheons as though they were personal mementoes. If Quebec feels that she should have the escutcheon back (and what vital and memorable deeds in the shaping of Canada it must have seen from its place on the gate on the first city of the Dominion), the request should be

made with all ceremony by the Mayor and Corporation of Quebec to their fellow-civics in Hastings. This is a matter for decorous letters from town clerk to town clerk. Indeed, but for the expense, a special embassy of the Quebec Council might properly visit Hastings to bear away with dignity this ancient jewel of their town's furnishings. At least, if they want it, they will no doubt try again, and more ceremoniously. In that event we doubt if Hastings could harden its heart.

A month ago, in England, fears were expressed that the Army would find difficulty in recruiting as many men as would be required to fill the places of those who complete their Colour Service at the end of March. The rate of recruiting London and the Northern, Southern and Western counties during the past fortnight has dispelled those apprehensions. Since Christmas men have enlisted at the rate of 1,000 a week. In pre-war days, when the Army was rather larger, about 30,000 recruits a year were enough.

His Holiness the Pope recently graciously received the American prize fighter, Johnny Dundee, and honored him with a special blessing. Notwithstanding the distinction, it seemed a little odd that one whose names suggests generations of kilts, bagpipes and Calvinism, to say nothing of orange marmalade, should pay a visit to the Vatican. What, indeed, is in a name? But lo! we read further that "Johnny Dundee" is only the ring name of Guiseppe Carrarra!

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In sending the guards after the deer, King George emulated George III, who sent his guards into the same park for the same purpose 150 years ago. How long it took the guards of George III to round up the third is not known.

America, as the holder of the largest stock of monetary gold in the world, would be naturally anxious to facilitate a return to the gold standard in Europe, since by doing so she would make the gold standard safe for herself by checking the tendency of gold to depreciate as it has done in the last ten years. Great Britain's return to the gold standard is a matter of great interest to bankers on both sides of the Atlantic, for it is known that other European countries whose currencies are on a parity with the United States dollar would also return to a free gold market if England did so.

"B" Squadron, Toronto

The Stanley Barracks Hockey Team got off to a good start on Wednesday, January 14th, by defeating the Toronto Association of the Deaf by the score of 3-2. Although the opposing team was composed entirely of deaf mutes they certainly know how to play hockey and their combination was a treat to watch. Tpr. Galloway, R.C.D., was the outstanding star of the game.

On Thursday, January 15th, the Stanley Barracks Dance Club held another dance and a good time was had by all.

On Friday, January 16th, the Stanley Barracks Hockey team suffered a defeat by the fast-travelling Kenwood Rovers in their second league game by the score of 3-0. All of the goals were scored within two minutes in the second period. In the last period the entire Barracks team were down on the offensive, and only the super-human efforts of the Kenwood goalkeeper kept them from notching any goals.

The Barrack Hockey Team lost their second consecutive game on Wednesday, January 21st, to New Toronto, by the score of 6-2. The

game was extremely fast and the score does not indicate the play. In the first period Sgt. Hare secured the puck from a scrimmage in front of his goal and went the whole length of the rink to score the first and only goal of that period. In the second period New Toronto scored three goals (one of which was disputed) whilst Pte. Adams, for Barracks, notched one from a scrimmage in the New Toronto net. In the last period New Toronto ran in three goals in quick order, whilst the Barracks could not seem to put any past the opposing goalie. Galloway, of the Barracks, again shone as the star of the game.

In weather that was more suitable for ice-boating than hockey, the Barracks Hockey Team suffered their third straight defeat by the score of 4 to 1, at the hands of the fast-travelling Kenwoods, who are looked upon by many as the intermediate champions for this season. Good hockey was out of the question on the night of January 26th owing to a severe cold wind from the north that swept down the rink and caused whatever team that was playing against it to resort to "long shots," as carrying the puck was entirely out of the question. The game was inclinde to be

rough and if the referee had not been right on his job throughout it might have ended in a battle.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, the personnel of Stanley Barracks expected to witness the total eclipse of the sun, but as the weather man in this part of the Dominion did not "play the game" we were only successful in witnessing some of the partial eclipse. January 24th commenced by being very cloudy and at 9.07 a.m., when the total eclipse occurred, it was still cloudy, and the only reason we knew the eclipse was on was when we were draped in total darkness for roughly one minute. Very few of us around here expect to be alive when the next eclipse occurs, but if by any chance we are, we will compare it to the one just passed.

R.S.M. (WO.1) G. W. Dore, R.C.D., is at present in Christie Street Hospital, suffering from a broken ankle.

It is expected that the Stanley Barracks Hockey Team will entertain the hockey team from Wolseley Barracks, London, in the very near future in a friendly game, and hope to play a return game at London. It is understood that the

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"B" Company, the R.C.R., has won the Cambridge Challenge Bowl Competition for the 1924 with an average score of 120.3. "B" Squadron, R.C.D., finished second with an average of 108.6.

A number of officers attended the showing of the Zeebrugge film at the Regent Theatre, which is being shown for the first time in Canada, and all are unanimous that it is well worth seeing.

The following Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are attending the Royal School of Cavalry at Toronto, Ont.

P/Lieut. H. G. Mason, 3rd Dragoons.

P/Lieut. F. A. MacLean, 9th Greys Horse.

S.S.M. R. R. Stewart, 3rd Dragoons.

Sergt. W. Cummings, 1st Hussars.

Sergt. A. Andrews, 1st Hussars.

Sergt. C. Holmes, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Sergt. E. Hunter, 9th Greys Horse.

Sergt. J. A. Jones, 9th Greys Horse.

Sergt. W. D. Prouse, 1st Hussars.

Sergt. A. Thorndycraft, 1st Hussars.

Sergt. J. Robinson, 3rd Dragoons.

Sergt. J. Sorenson, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Corpl. G. Armstrong, P.L.D.G.

Corpl. C. Booth, Mississauga Horse.

Corpl. G. Campbell, Mississauga Horse.

Corpl. G. Davis, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Corpl. J. A. Fournier, P.L.D.G.

Corpl. W. Glass, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Corpl. N. Post, Mississauga Horse.

Corpl. J. Welsh, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Corpl. G. Wisson, 10th Brant Dragoons.

L/Cpl. J. MacDonald, 10th Brant Dragoons.

L/Cpl. J. McCann, 10th Brant Dragoons.

L/Cpl. L. McGuinness, 10th Brant Dragoons.

Tpr. A. E. Geekie, P.L.D.G.

Tpr. H. W. Woolsey, P.L.D.G.

OUR PERVERTED PROVERBS.

Popular Sayings With Twisted Meanings.

Many of the proverbs in constant use are obviously nonsense. Others have a certain point, although it may be different from that which first made the expression full of meaning.

We talk of a thing not being worth a "rap," but probably we never realize the force of the saying until we know that R.A.P. in Indian account, stands for Rupees, Annas, and Pice, just as we use £ s.d. in English.

There was once a similar expression—"not worth a tinker's dam." A "tinker's dam" is a wall of soft clay raised round a spot which a plumber wants to fill with solder. As the material of the dam is thrown away after use, the meaning of the saying was clear. Now its origin is so little remembered that

we often hear of something not being worth a "tinker's curse."

Amis and Amile.

We now "lose the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar," or, more often, "spoil" the ship for that amount. Although this is not nonsense, it has not the point of "lose the sheep (pronounced ship in some districts) for a ha'p'orth of tar," when the custom of marking the owner's name on the sheep with hot tar is remembered.

One of the best-known proverbs is "A miss is as good as a mile." It is possible that the original proverb read "Amis is as good as Amile." Amis and Amile were legendary soldiers of Charlemagne, and besides being great friends were considerably like one another in appearance. They were famous as the heroes of a widely-known old song. Later they entered into the traditions of the Church and they were invoked indifferently. Hence the proverb.

Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, Que.



What the N.C.O. i c Stable Picquet Saw, One Night Recently.

Service Notes.

K.D.G.'s New C.O.

Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Chappell, D.S.O., has been promoted to that rank to command the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, vice Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Little, D.S.O., who has completed his tenure of command. Col. Chappell was gazetted in the 7th Dragoon Guards in 1898, and took part two years later in the South African War, in which he served as Assistant Provost Marshal. For his services in the Great War he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O.

14th 20th Hussars' New C.O.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank Breerton Hurndall, M.C., the new commander of the 14th/20th Hussars, is the well-known international polo player. He was gazetted in the 20th Hussars in 1903, and became adjutant to the regiment when stationed in Ireland previous to the Great War. From 1912 to 1915 he was Adjutant of the Berks. Yeomanry. During the Great War he served in Egypt, first on the staff of the 2nd Mounted Brigade and

then on the staff of the Army Corps. Later he was in France, serving successfully on the staff of the 56th Division and of the 17th Army Corps. He received general mentions and the Military Cross. He is a Staff College graduate. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Browne, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has completed his period of service in command.

Gift to a Regiment.

During the war Duffadar Jag Ram, 20th Lancers, refused to draw his pay, as he wished to give his services free, and he presented the accumulation, 2,600 rupees, to the King's Privy Purse. The money was returned by the King with an expression of appreciation of Jag Ram's loyalty. With the money Jag Ram has bought a trophy, known as the Jag Ram Cup, and formed a prize fund to be won annually in competition between squadrons of the 20th Lancers at Association Football. The cup has been formally presented to the 20th Lancers, who are at Delhi for the manoeuvres.

Africa General Service Medal

The King has approved of the

Africa General Service Medal with clasp "Nigeria 1918," being granted to the forces which took part in the operations against the Egba tribe in 1918.

16th 15th Lancers New C.O.: (Known to all who served in the 1st Canadian Cavalry Brigade.)

Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey F. H. Brooke, D.S.O., M.C., who gained many honours in jumping competitions at the Royal Tournament and elsewhere, took over the command of the 16th/15th Lancers in January. In 1921 he won the Gold International Cup open to Officers of all Armies. He has also twice been British Champion, and all his successes were made on that fine jumper, Combined Training. He joined the 16th Lancers in 1903, and eight years later became Assistant Instructor at the Cavalry School at Netheravon. During the Great War he has successively on the Staff of the 3rd and 2nd Cavalry Brigades, 1st Canadian Cavalry Brigade, and Rhine Cavalry Division. He was twice awarded the D.S.O. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel H. C. L. Howard, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has gone on half pay on completion of his tenure of command.

Field Marshall Lord Grenfell.

Field Marshall Lord Grenfell died last month at Windlesham, Surrey, aged 84. Previous to being raised to the peerage in 1902 he was known as Sir Thomas Wallace Grenfell. Joining the 60th Rifles in 1859, he took part in the Kaffir War of 1878 and in the Zulu War of 1879, being mentioned in despatches on three occasions and promoted successively Brevet Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel. He was Assistant Adjutant General, South Africa, 1881 and 1882. In the latter year he was engaged in the Egyptian Campaign, serving on the Staff of Lord Wolseley. He took part in the battle of Tel el Kebir, being mentioned in despatches and appointed Aide de Camp to Queen Victoria. During the Sudan Expeditions of 1884 and 1889 he was employed on the lines of communication, and later was engaged in the action of Ginniss, when he commanded a Division. He also commanded the forces engaged at the actions of Gamaizah and Toski. His services were mentioned on four occasions, and he was promoted Major General and awarded the C. B. and the K.C.B. In the meanwhile he was appointed

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Sirdar of the Egyptian Army. He received the G.C.M.G. in 1892. He was Inspector General Auxiliary Forces, War Office, from 1894 to 1897; was in command of the forces in Egypt from 1897 to 1898, and Governor and Commander in Chief at Malta from 1899 to 1903. In the meantime he had been appointed Colonel Commandant of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. From 1903 to 1904 he commanded the 4th Army Corps, and from 1904 to 1908 he was in command of the forces in Ireland. In the latter year he was appointed Field Marshal.

Proficiency Cup

A new trophy is to be added to be added to the collection of cups belonging to "A" Sqn. R.C.D., in the form of a very handsome cup to be known as "The Canadian Cavalry Association Cup for Proficiency."

The Canadian Cavalry Association makes an annual grant of money to Cavalry units, to be used towards the purchase of prizes for competition. As the annual grant to "A" Sqn., R.C.D., is \$25.00 per year, and \$50.00 is already on hand it has been decided to purchase a trophy, the value of which will be in the vicinity of \$100.00, and the necessary amount advanced from Squadron funds, and replaced as the annual grants are received.

The Cup is to be competed for annually by the Troops of "A" Squadron, the period of competition being from January 1st till June 1st, during individual, troop, and squadron training, the Musketry results of the previous calendar year's classification to be included. The name of the Troop gaining the highest number of marks for proficiency will be engraved on the trophy, the troop will hold the cup for twelve months and be known as the 'Head Troop' of the Squadron.

Marks will be allotted as follows:

1. Equitation.
 - (a) Riding and Jumping10%
 - (b) Handling of arms mounted 5%
2. Drill and Manoeuvre.
 - (a) Mounted10%
 - (b) Dismounted10%
3. Musketry15%
4. Interior Economy.
 - (a) Horsemanship (stables)10%
 - (b) Barrack Rooms10%

MAJ.-GEN. GWATKIN DEAD IN ENGLAND.

Former Chief of Staff, Canadian Militia, Had Brilliant Career.

Major-General Sir Willoughby Granon Gwatkin, K.C.M.G., was an Imperial officer of great ability and experience, and as Chief of the General Staff at Ottawa, rendered splendid service throughout the war. He won great popularity at Ottawa and among the Canadian forces by his efficiency and soldier-like qualities.

He was born on August 11th, 1859, the fourth son of the late Frederick Gwatkin, of Grove House, Twickenham, England. He received his education at Shrewsbury, at King's College, Cambridge and at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. His first military service after leaving Sandhurst was in the Manchester Regiment, in which, after holding the appointment of adjutant for some time, he rose to the rank of Major. Taking a course at the Staff College at Camberley, he passed with honors, and was posted to the staff in Egypt. Later he was placed on the headquarters staff of the army at home and as a Deputy Assistant Adjutant General did excellent service in connection with the equipment and despatch of troops to South Africa.

- (c) Troop Records, kept by Troop Leaders, Troop Sgts., and Section Leaders10%
5. Discipline20%
- Total.....100%

Marks for 1 and 2 will be allotted by the Squadron Commander or by the 2nd in Command on any parade.

Marks for No. 3 compiled from previous year's Musketry returns)

Marks for No. 4 allotted by Squadron Commander or 2nd in Command, on inspecting records at any time during parade hours.

Marks for No. 5 compiled from records on Squadron Conduct Sheets.

The Canadian Cavalry Association has been informed of the above, and the following is an extract of a letter received from Major F. B. Inkster, the Hon. Secretary.

"I am sure the idea of your Canadian Cavalry Association Proficiency Cup will appeal very strongly to the Association at large, and I will be very glad to receive a photograph of the Trophy when it is available. It might be useful for reproduction in the Canadian Defence Quarterly."

He was secured for the Canadian Militia in 1905 by General Lake, when he was a colonel. For four years he was director of operations



(Courtesy of the Montreal Daily Star)

Major-General Sir Willoughby Gwatkin, former Chief of Staff of the Canadian Militia, who died in England on February 2nd.

and staff duties, in which position he practically had charge of the organization of the Canadian Militia on the lines existing just before the war. In 1910 he was recalled to the old country, but a year later General Lake was able to secure his return to Canada to assume the duties of staff officer in charge of mobilization; as such he prepared plans for the mobilization of the Canadian Militia and for the defence of Canada in case of hostile attacks following a sudden outbreak of war.

When the storm broke he was the principal military adviser of the Government, the Chief of the General Staff. The military establishment of the country consisted of some forty thousand militia. Under General Gwatkin, in the hour of need, it developed into a fighting body of half a million men. To his genius in mobilization in no small degree was due the feat of organizing that great camp at Valcartier and the despatching of that first great Canadian Armada, of almost 33,000 men, in the autumn of 1914. He retired from active service at Ottawa in the spring of 1922.

General Gwatkin was created a Companion of the Bath in 1916, a Companion of St. Michael and St. George in 1918, and a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George in 1920. He was also a Grand Officer of the Order of St. Sava; a Commander of the Legion of Honor of France; a Commander of the Crown of Belgium; and an Honorary Doctor of Laws of the University of Toronto.

Bytown Bits.

Held Dinner.—A glorious and brilliant future for Canada's militia was predicted by Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence, at a dinner at which the officers of the 38th Battalion, Ottawa Highlanders, were hosts to the officers of headquarters staff, and which was given at the officers' mess, Cartier Square Drill Hall.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald, while pointing out the urgent necessity for economy in all things military at the present time, thought that better times were ahead. He felt that while the militia is at present greatly curbed in its programme and limited as to strength, it will pull through, retaining all its glory and tradition, and will see a day when it will, as a force, again do for Canada what it did during the last war.

The history of the 38th Battalion, Ottawa Highlanders, from its origin, was outlined by Major General J. H. MacBrien, D.S.O., C. B., C.M.G., chief of the general staff, in proposing the toast to the regiment. General MacBrien traced the feats of the Ottawa Highlanders from the old days of the 43rd. Lt.-Col. W. S. Wood, commanding officer of the 38th, responded to the toast.

Battery Reunion.—The annual get-together of the 25th Battery, C.F.A., was held at Henry's Cafe, Hull, on Saturday, January 24th, and proved an unqualified success. The purpose of the gathering each year is to suitably commemorate the landing in France of the battery on January 18th, 1916. Amongst the guests present were many of the original members of the battery, including the original sergeant-major, Mr. N. K. Wilson.

Artillery Competitions.—The results of the Canadian Artillery Association competitions which were held throughout Canada during 1924 have just been announced.

In the efficiency of personnel competitions for field, heavy and siege batteries, there were 64 competitors, the first five places being secured by batteries in western Canada.

The Hurdman Challenge Cup and prize money, for first place was won by the 61st Battery of Edmonton, the 92nd Battery, also of Edmonton, being second. Batteries at Winnipeg, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Gaspé secured the next four places. The Macdonald Challenge Cup for gunlaying and signalling was also won by the 61st Battery of Edmonton.

In the coast defence competitions

the Governor General's Cup, and prize money, for first place in the general efficiency competition was won by No. 2 Battery of the 6th "Quebec and Levis" Regiment, the Lansdowne Cup for second place being secured by No. 2 Battery of the 5th "British Columbia" Regiment at Victoria.

In coast defence gun practice, first and second places, as well as the Turnbull Shield and Blaik Challenge Cup, were won by Nos 2 and 1 Batteries of the 6th "Quebec and Levis" Regiment.

Tells of Japanese Trip.—In addition to his lecture to the officers of M.D. 3 at Kingston on January 17th, Major General J. H. MacBrien has addressed meetings at Ottawa of the Canadian Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Held Big Meeting.—A conference of senior officers of M.D. 3 was held at Kingston on January 23rd and 24th. About fifty or sixty officers from the district, mostly brigade and regimental commanders, were present, and a good deal of work respecting the training season was gone into. The meeting on the 23rd was held in the Drill Hill and was presided over by Major General J. H. Elmsley. On Saturday morning the officers, after trying to get a shot at the eclipse, journeyed to R. M. C., where Major General J. H. MacBrien lectured for over two hours on his trip to Japan. In addition to the out-of-town officers, those taking the long course, Staff College preparatory course, the officers of the garrison and the senior class at the college were present. Major General Sir Archibald Macdonell was in the chair and a very instructive morning was spent. After the lecture, the visitors were shown over the college by the members of the college staff.

Parliament Opens.—With all the customary military trimmings the fourth session of the Ninth Parliament got under way on the 5th instant. The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards furnished a travelling escort of 16 all ranks under Lieuts. H. R. T. Gill and J. D. Code. The 1st Brigade, C.F.A., furnished a saluting battery and a guard of honor was supplied by the Governor General's Foot Guards. The Field Officer-in-Brigade-Waiting was Lieut.-Col. W. A. Blue, P. L.D.G., and the Adjutant-in-Brigade-Waiting was Lieut.-Col. H. J. Coghill, P.P.C.L.I. The State Dinner was held in the evening, and at Saturday, the 7th, Their Excellencies held a State Drawing Room at which close onto 1000 guests

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were present. The G.G.F.G. also supplied a guard of honor on this occasion.

Will Hold Dinner.—The P.P.C. L.I. Old Comrades, and the Ottawa South African Veterans will hold their annual dinners this month. The South Africa men will hold their dinner on the 27th to commemorate the Battle of Paardeburg.

Naval Inspection.—The annual inspection of the Ottawa Half Company, R.C.N.V.R., was held on the 3rd instant by the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, together with Commodore Walter Hose. The Half Company paraded full strength under Lieut. R. Shipley, Sub Lieut. Burton Burney and Midshipman J. Hose. The inspection was of a intensive nature, and was successful from all points of view. Classes were shown at gun drill, signalling, stoking and navigation. The Company now has two 27-foot whalers, one of which will be kept on the Ottawa River at Rockcliffe and the other on Lake Deschenes at Britannia. A very successful season is promised and good type of lads are engaging for service afloat.

BRAN MASH

An officer laid a wager of a basket of wine with a brother officer that he could fire ten shots at a target five hundred yards distant and call each shot correctly before the marker could mark the shot.

Next morning a big crowd assembled to witness the experiment.

The officer fired the first shot and calmly announced, "Miss."

Then he fired the second and the third shots and called out "Miss" each time.

"Hey, there; that won't do," shouted the umpire; "you are not trying to hit the target."

"Certainly not," laughed the marksman; "I'm shooting to hit the wine."

The little girl had lost a sixpence and her tears attracted a kind-hearted man, who asked her why she was crying.

She told him she has lost a sixpence, and he thought if he could dry her tears he would soon do it. He put his hand in his pocket, and said, "Here is the sixpence."

"Oh, you wicked old man," said the child; "so you had my sixpence all the time."



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Boxing Tournament.

Bout No. 1, 146 lb. class, Tpr. Guy, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Dobson, R.C.D.

Bout No. 2, 146 lbs., Tpr. Wheeler, R.C.D., vs. Sgt. Murray, Durham Regiment.

Bout No. 3, 146 lbs., Sgt. Clark, N.B.D., vs. L/Cpl. Cassidy, R.C.D.

Bout No. 4, 135 lbs., Tpr. Beaulieu, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Fryer, R.C.D.

Bout No. 5, 126 lbs., Tpr. Tibby, R.C.D., vs. Sgt. Willis, Durham Regiment.

Bout No. 6, light-heavyweight, Sgt. Heavens, H. & P. E., vs. Tpr. Quine, R.C.D.

Bout No. 7, 126 lbs., Tpr. Lawrence, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Finnessy, R.C.D.

Bout No. 8, 146 lbs., semi-final bout.

The preliminary bouts were held on January 27th, and long before 8 o'clock the sign "standing room only" was hung outside the door leading to the Garrison gymnasium where the bouts were held. Promptly at eight o'clock, Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., who had been asked to referee, explained to the spectators the difference between boxing under the Army Rules and the Marquis of Queensbury Rules, our bouts were fought under the former. The judges, Major Roy Nordheimer, M.C., and Sergeant W. Campbell, M.M., having taken their places, the first bout was called.

The curtain raiser was a 146 lbs. affair between Troopers Guy and Dobson, R.C.D. This bout was rather tame, as Guy had it all over his less experienced opponent in all three rounds.

The next bout between Trooper T. Wheeler, R.C.D., and Sgt. McMurty, Durham Regt. showed a bit more speed and a great deal more boxing. Wheeler relied too much on his left haymaker, and after three hard fought rounds lost the decision to McMurty.

The third bout, in which L/Cpl. Cassidy, R.C.D., met Sgt. Clark, Durham Regt., was a real exhibition while it lasted, both men showing class. Cassidy opened with a splendid attack and was well ahead on points in the first round, having Clark groggy at one stage. About the middle of the second round Cassidy stopped a hard blow on his shrapnel-scarred stomach, and was forced to take the count.

The next scrap was between Troopers Beaulieu and Fryer, R.C.D., at 135 lbs. The first round was exceptionally good, but in the second round Fryer claimed he was hit low, but this claim was dis-

allowed by referee and judges. The fight was ordered to be continued, but Fryer preferred to sit it out, and Beaulieu was declared the winner.

Next, Trooper Tibby, R.C.D., and Sgt. Willis, Durham Regt., entered the ring, at 126 lbs. Up to this time the attached had done pretty well, but from the manner in which Tibby started out it was plain to see that he was not taking any chances on Willis being in any of the finals. Tibby made such a strong attack that he had Willis half dazed before he knew the bout was under way. In fact, Willis never got much of a chance to show his wares. Tibby was too fast and carried the fight to his opponent from gong to gong. Willis never got as far as the centre of the ring and it was only his splendid defence that kept him on his feet at all.

The sixth bout was the light-heavyweight class, Trooper Quine, R.C.D., and Sgt. Leavens, Hastings and Prince Edward Regt., being the contestants. Although this was not a boxing exhibition it was a bout worth going a long way to see. It was a good fight between two game men. Quine got away to a good start and kept it up until he sent Leavens down for a count of nine. Nothing daunted, Leavens came up again, stood toe to toe, and swapped punches until the gong. In the second round both were a little groggy, with Quine looking the stronger. The third round found them both justing a shade. Towards the close of able to carry on, with Quine having this round and whilst still fighting, Leavens collapsed and was unable to get on his feet again. Although beaten, he was by no means disgraced, he fought as game a fight as we have ever seen in our gym. or any other place, for many moons. Anyone who deprives him of the cup, presented by Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Station, for the gamest and best loser of the tournament, will have to show something out of the ordinary at the finals on Friday, January 30th.

The next bout was confidently expected to be the "tit-bit" of the evening, and nobody was disappointed. Trooper "Sailor" Lawrence, one of our 'old timers,' was drawn against Trooper "Young" Finnessy, R.C.D., one of our latest arrivals. These two met a few weeks ago in a try-out, so we all sa tup when they were announced.

The first three rounds were a splendid exhibition of first class boxing, and the Judges gave a popular decision of a draw. The referee ordered an extra round, and

both boxers speeded up even more than in the previous rounds. The "Sailor" opened up with an awful attack, which, with Finnessy covered up, went for nothing, as he didn't get a point in. It looked to the less experienced amongst the spectators that Lawrence was winning easily, but this was far from being right, as Finnessy was too skillfully covered to let him get in. When this attack subsided a little, Finnessy opened up and drove Lawrence across the ring with a few well placed 'one-tvos.' At the close of the round, after some deliberation between the officials, another round was decided upon. This was also a beautiful exhibition of boxing and finished with "Sailor" a bit groggy, "Young" Finnessy getting a well-earned decision.

There being some many entries in the 146 lb. class, it was necessary to pull off a semi-final. This brought together Sgt. McMurty and Sgt. Clark, both of the Durham Regiment. The rumour got around that these two boxers were chums, so a bloody encounter was not expected. They boxed lightly for the first two rounds and then speeded up a little in the last round for the decision, which was gained by McMurty. This brought the contest to a close, and everyone went away eagerly looking forward to the final bouts on Friday.

BOXING TOURNAMENT FINALS

Bout No. 1, 118 lb. class, Tpr. Robinson, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Ellis, R.C.D.

Bout No. 2, 126 lb. class, Tpr. Finnessy, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Tibby, R.C.D.

Bout No. 3, 135 lb. class, Tpr. Beaulieu, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Dupuis, R.C.D.

Bout No. 4, 146 lb. class, Tpr. Guy, R.C.D., vs. Sgt. McMurty, Durham Regiment.

Bout No. 5, light-heavyweight, Cpl. Stanyar, R.C.D., vs. Tpr. Quine, R.C.D.

6, Presentation of Prizes.
God Save the King.

The finals took place on Friday evening, January 30th, at 8 p.m. On account of the good many bouts at the preliminary meeting earlier in the week the gymnasium was again filled to overflowing.

Prior to the first bout, Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., addressed the assembly, regretting to announce that a Montreal contingent which had been invited to put on a few bouts would be unable to appear owing to being engaged with another show at the M.A.A.A. How-

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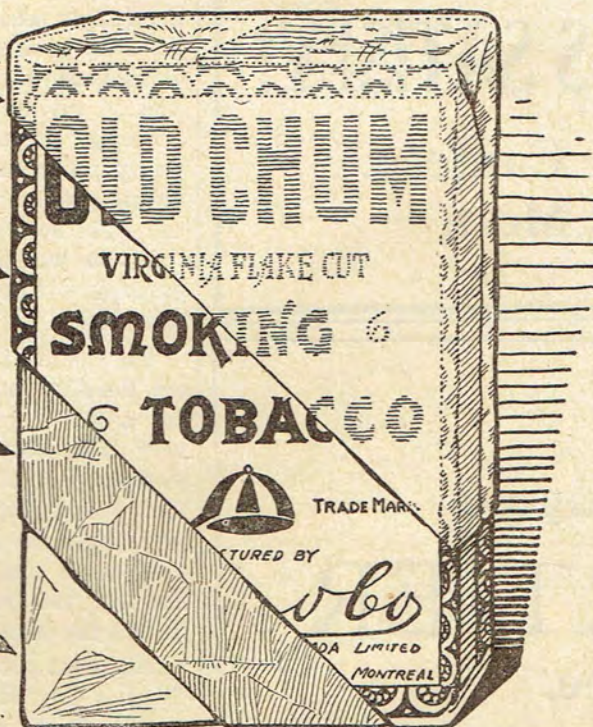
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ever, as this was news to the majority the disappointment was not very great.

In the 118 lb. class, Trooper Ellis, R.C.D., met Trooper Robinson, R.C.D. It was a fast and clean exhibition, with Ellis getting a clear decision. We think this youngster is fit to travel a little further. He hits very hard for his weight.

The second bout between Troopers Finnesy and Tibby, for the 126 lbs. championship, was easily the best scrap of the evening. They were two fast, clever boxers, with different styles. Finnesy went in for boxing and Tibby trying the "knock-out" method. Tibby started in fast, and showed that he did not intend the bout to go all the way. "Young" Finnesy, on the other hand, was elusive enough not to be at home when any of Tibby's wicked ones came his way. There was some splendid work shown by both during the three rounds, and the Judges sent them back for one more for good measure. After the extra spasm they showed no hesitation in giving the decision to "Young" Finnesy. The decision was popular and rounds of applause greeted the winner. After the fight he was heard to remark "that he would not use the 'Hargreave's Gymnasium' for training any more."

The 135 lbs. final brought Troopers Beaulieu and Dupuis together for a fast bout. Dupuis started very fast, Beaulieu being content to figure him out. Dupuis got the first round, but he seemed to fade when he came back and Beaulieu piled up a comfortable margin in the last two rounds, and so acquired the championship.

The next set-to was between Trooper Guy, R.C.D., and Sgt. McMurty, Durham Regiment, at 146 lbs. Although these two battlers were of equal weight, McMurty was taller and had too long a reach for Guy to fathom. After three rounds of pretty good fighting McMurty was awarded the decision.

There was some hard luck with the light-heavyweight bout. Tpr. Quine, who won his fight in the preliminaries, was slated to meet Cpl. Stanyar, who drew a bye, in the finals. Unfortunately Quine was indisposed and unable to put in an appearance in the ring, and Cpl. Stanyar was awarded the Cup on default.

On the conclusion of the programme Cups were presented to the winners by Major Bowie, D.S.O., who announced that the cup presented for the "best loser" had been awarded to Trooper "Sailor" Lawrence, R.C.D., for the reason that "Lawrence's hand was broken

in the first round in his fight with Finnesy in the preliminaries, and for his gameness in putting up the fight he did, he was awarded the best loser's cup." The "Sailor" was present with his hand in a plaster cast and received a great ovation. The large crowd then left well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The officials were: Referee, Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.D., R.C.D. Judges, Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D., Capt. W. J. Home, M.C., R.C.R., Sgt. W. Campbell, M.M., R.C.D.; Timekeeper, Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., Announcer, S.Q.M.S. J. H. Dowdell, Clerk of Scales, Sgt. J. Langley, R.C.D. All bouts three minute rounds.

Musical selections were rendered by the Barrack Orchestra between intervals.

A recruit was on sentry duty one night when a friend brought a cake from the canteen. As the sentry was eating the cake the major sauntered up in mufti. Not recognizing him, the man did not salute, and the major stopped.

"What have you there?" he asked.

"Cake," said the sentry, good-naturedly; "have a bite?"

The major frowned. "Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," said the sentry, "unless you're the major's groom."

The major shook his head. "Guess again!" he said.

"The barber from the village?" "No."

"Maybe," — here the sentry laughed—"maybe you're the major himself?"

"That's right! I am the major," was the stern reply.

The sentry scrambled to attention. "Good gracious!" he exclaimed. "Hold the cake, will you, while I salute?"

Out on the Pacific coast, where the Japanese question and the prospect of a war with Japan are ever-living issues, a group of hands at a canning factory were discussing these vital questions. Sitting on a packing case was a long Oregonian munching the last bites of his sandwich and taking no part in the discussion. The foreman addressed him. "Look-a-here, Jeff," said he, "how do you feel about it? If the Japs were to land an invading army in this country, I suppose you'd go to the front, wouldn't you?" "Yes, I'd go," said Jeff; me and two others what I knows of." "What two others?" inquired the foreman. "Why, the two that'll drag me there," said Jeff.



A group of the Masqueraders at the Skating Carnival, taken in the Gymnasium after the show.

"A" SQUADRON ANNUAL FANCY DRESS SKATING CARNIVAL

Once again the 'weather man' played the game, and favoured us with ideal weather for the Annual Carnival which was held on the Station rink on Friday evening, February 6th.

The rink was open only to those in costume, and these were many and varied and of all colours and style. Some of the costumes typified current events. Quite a large crowd of spectators attended, the stands were filled, and the snow-banks around the rink offered a vantage point for the overflow.

Space does not permit a description of all the costumes. Suffice to say that the masqueraders included Cow Boys, Cow Girls, Indians, Indian Maids, Mexicans, Spaniards, Arabs, Musketeers, French Hussars, Brigands, Sailors, a Chinaman, Robin Hood, a Monkey, Mephisto, and, of course, the inevitable Policeman, who carried his part in an excellent manner, being eventually recognised as Lieut. Thacker, Lanark and Renfrew Regiment. S/Sgt. "Nobby" Ellis, as usual, furnished the most unique costume, representing a Cross-Word Puzzle, S.S.M. Smith seemed to be having a good time, his costume reminded one of the story of Florence Nightingale, only he carried a lighted candle; there was another masquerader wearing the mask of a cat and labeled "Cat Burglar" who kept everybody guessing for some considerable time. The idea was lost on a number of spectators, who evidently had not read of the latest scare in England, the popular impression seemed to be that he was out to

steal cats. The Burglar could not skate very well and this helped in the disguise until at one time, while trying to regain his balance, he adopted a characteristic pose, and it was found to be Sgt. Major Doyle. Trooper H. Rowe deserves special mention for his make-up, which represented St. Johns Golf Club. He would undoubtedly have been a prize winner but for the fact that he did not wear skates.

The judges, Mrs. A. M. Doyle, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. J. Snape, S.M. (W.O.I.) J. Mountford, R.C.D., and Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, (I.C.), R.C.D., were confronted with the difficult task of judging the two best costumes, suitable prizes having been allotted for ladies, gentlemen and children in costume. After some deliberation the results were announced and the judges must be complimented on their verdict, which received popular acclaim.

First prize for ladies, Miss Annie Black (A gentleman in evening dress; second prize, Miss E. Cattermole, (An Indian Maid).

First prize for gentlemen, Staff Sergeant W. Ellis, R.C.D., (Cross-Word Puzzle; Second prize, Lieut. R. T. Thacker, Lanark and Renfrew Regiment, (Policeman).

First prize for children, Miss Ethel Dowdell; Second prize, Master Frank Whittaker.

After the presentation of prizes the guests repaired to the Officers and Mens' Mess, where refreshments were served, after which the Barracks Orchestra entertained the assembly with a number of delightful dance numbers and dancing was indulged in until midnight, when all wended their way homewards, well satisfied with an enjoyable evening.

GARRISON CONCERT PARTY

On the evening of the 26th January at the Baldwin Hall, a few of the boys from the Garrison gave another eye-opener to the civilian population in the shape of a concert for the benefit of the English Church. The boys were eager to try anything once, so, under the careful instruction of Mrs. H. Swarbrick, they managed to get into shape and finally won more laurels for the Garrison as far as entertaining is concerned. The program was as follows:

1. Selection, Barracks Orchestra.
2. Song, "How do you do?" Tpr. D. Hannah, R.C.D.
3. Song, "The Pal that I Loved", Pte. South, R.C.A.M.C.
4. Quartette, 1st Troop, R.C.D.
5. Song, "Sally," Tpr. F. W. Lawrence, R.C.D.
6. Sketch, (A Mock Court Martial), R.C.R.
7. Song, "When the Ebb Tide Flows," Sgt. Kevens, R.C.A.S.C.
8. Song, "That's A Lot of Bunk," Boy Dooley, R.C.D.
9. Song, "I Lost a Pal," Pte. Mellish, R.C.R.
10. Song, "Sweet Little You," Tpr. Hodgkinson, R.C.D.
11. Song, "Banks and Braes," Tpr. Sawers, R.C.D.
12. Song, "Five O'Clock in the Morning," L/C Sinclair, R.C.R.
13. Song, "Canadian Girls, and When I was 21," Cpl. Sargent, R.C.D.
14. Song, "Doo Wacki Doo," Pte. Mellish and Co.
15. Song, "For Me and My Gal," Tpr. F. Lawrence and Co.

The sixth item on the programme was a sketch very cleverly staged by members of "D" Company, the

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R.C.R., in the shape of a Court-Martial on one named, (by no fault of his own) Herr von Auto-Strope who was charged with stealing information belonging to the "Goat". One had to hand it to the presiding General (Pte. Hendry) for the clever way in which he handled the situation, with the aid of his staunch ally the Sgt. Major (Pte. O'Flynn) who had the hardest time of his life trying to wash the dust down his throat during the air raids and also down the throats of the presiding General and members of his staff; what the water-bottle really contained we cannot vouch for, we will leave that for the members of the sketch to say.

After the concert finally wound up, dancing was indulged in until midnight. The Barrack Orchestra furnished the music, and many of the audience went home tired, but with the satisfaction that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

1st Trooper: "What is your idea of the meanest man on earth?"

2nd Trooper: "The man who puts green spectacles over his horse's eyes and feeds it shavings for grass."

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Our Sergeants Mess Cross Word Puzzle Team was thrown into despair last week-end, as at last they had found a cross word that baffled them. They got through the first eight with flying colours, then like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky it loomed before them, to wit, (No. 9) a word of four letters denoting two horses working together. Fortunately it was Saturday afternoon as the members of the team who were present immediately put on their thinking caps. Q.M. Sgt Instructor Doyle, Sgt. Neeves and Sgt. Sheehy, not being able to cope with it by 7 p.m., sent out a hurried call for the rest of the team. Sgt. Instructor Hopkinson dashed in with a Lexicon under his arm and threw himself into the fray, with no better results. Sgt. Harris came next, and after a hurried glance, asked the over-worked and fatigued gang to pigeon-hole it until the remaining member of the team (Sgt. Hargreaves) arrived. It was close to ten before this member came in with his encyclopedia and all the paraphernalia that denotes the cross word puzzle expert. The team now settled down to work in earnest, but, sad to say, at closing hour, no solution had been found. It was a gloomy Sunday morning in Barracks. Nobody could figure out the reason for the strained, drawn looks on the Sergeants' faces. We could all see something was wrong

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but not an inkling of the trouble leaked out. Manfully they struggled with their own difficulties. The nearest approach to it was made by Sgt. Neeves, who, after using two pads and several sheets of foolscap, came to the conclusion that it must be $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. After a lengthy discussion they decided that this would not do, as abbreviations are not in order. They finally decided to call in Tommy Howe. Tommy glanced at it and said: "If them two horses wouldn't make a better team than this—," but he got no further, as a light passed over Sgt. Hopkinson's face and a dictionary by Tommy's ear. (Curtain).

Sgt. Forgreaves has now joined the team and they want to challenge Toronto's Sergeant Mess team. Address Sgt. Neeves, Secretary, Cross Word Puzzle Team, St. Johns, P.Q.

What a lot o' cases o' people bein' poisoned through eatin' tinned food there's been lately, Mrs. 'Opkins. Makes you nervous, don't it?"

"Aye," said Mrs. Hopkins, shaking her head. "I wouldn't touch the stuff. My poor 'usband always said it was drinkin' tea out of a tin cup when 'e was in the Army what give 'im delirium trimins!"

Sports.

HOCKEY

The week of very unseasonable mild weather has played havoc with open air rinks, and hockey fans in St. Johns have been made to realize more than ever the necessity of a covered rink. Two games have had to be postponed in the City League, and practices have been out of the question.

By a glance at the standing of the league, it will be noted that the Garrison team is very much in the running for the championship, and although they have not won as many games, they have only lost two, and in that respect are tied with the leaders.

During the last two games the team has been going at top form, the forwards having developed good combination, and the whole team working smoothly together.

We have been rather more fortunate than in previous years in that we have had but few casualties so far, and all those of a minor nature. McKerrall was on the sick list for a week with an injured foot, but thanks to the thaw he should be in good shape again for the next game. Sgt. Godin was also out of the game for two weeks with an injured shoulder.

An attempt was made to arrange a game for our second team, but the mild weather has held it up for the time being.

A lot of good material has been discovered in the troop league, and we should have no lack of material to replace the old-times next year.

Many hard fought and interesting games have been played in the Troop League, and unless the unexpected happens it looks like a clear victory for the Third Troop.

The standing of the St. Johns City League and the Troop League are given below, as at the date of going to press, February 14th, 1925.

St. Johns City Hockey League.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Singer	6	4	2	8
Garrison	5	3	2	6
Champlains	5	3	2	6
Elks	5	2	3	4
K. of C.	5	1	4	2

Garrison Hockey League

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
"D" Coy., The R.C.R. ..	6	3	2	1	7
Third Troop	6	6	0	0	12
Sqn. H.Q.	5	2	2	1	5
First Troop	5	2	2	1	4
Second Troop	6	0	6	0	0

The Barrack Hockey team lost their fourth game on Friday, January 30th, in one of the roughest game witnessed in quite a long time.

The Pathfinders (who were formerly known as Toronto Deaf Assoc.) were out to win their first game at any cost, and did so by the score of 5 to 1. During the whole game it was continual march of offenders to the penalty box. During the first period the Barrack team took their punishment in good part, but in the second period it got under their wool, and they started in with a vengeance, and until the end of the game mixed it with everyone that came their way.

Singer 2; Garrison 0.

At the Academy rink on the afternoon of Sunday, January 18, the Singer Hockey Club and the Garrison met in their first league fixture of the season. Both teams were out to win, and even the best informed fans were rather dubious as to which team would be victorious.

Both teams started off in a very cautious manner and took no chances. The Garrison playing an excellent defensive game, every effort of the Singers to score proved fruitless. Several players visited the penalty box, the Garrison being the worst sufferers.

The second and third periods were practically repetitions of the first, Singer being unable to get through our defence and our forwards unable to find their opponents' net. During the closing minutes of the game excitement ran high. The Garrison put up a determined effort to win and had much the best of the play, but were unable to score. The final gong sounded with the score still 0-0.

After about four minutes of overtime play a shot from Alexandre netted one for the Singers, and a few seconds later a scrimmage in front of our goal resulted in Lemieux batting in another score. Ends were changed and for the remaining five minutes the Garrison played five men forward,

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whilst the Singers hardly got beyond centre ice, but the game ended with the Singers on the long end of a 2—0 overtime game.

The Singers earned their victory due to their excellent combination plays and to the good work of Sagala in goal; and whilst our defence was almost perfect, a perfect defence cannot win games unless the forwards are able to score.

The Garrison team lined up as follows: goal, Major Nordheimer, defence, Cpl. Stanyar (Capt.) and Pte. Blais; centre, Capt. Home; wings, L/Cpl. McKerrall and Tpr. Connelly; spares, Sgt. Gardner, L/Cpl. Boucher and Tpr. Rowe.

St. Johns College vs. Garrison.

Home and home games have been played against the students of the St. Johns College, and both have resulted in victories for the students. These are non-league fixtures and are regarded more as practice games, our spares have been given frequent opportunities to take part in them. Another point to be remembered is that one of the strongest features of the Garrison team is its weight, and this can hardly be made use of when playing against the College

boys. Nevertheless, in both games the students had much the better of the play, and earned their victories through fast skating, excellent combination, every man playing in his proper position, and by never missing an opportunity of every little break in the luck of the game. Both at the College and at Barracks, light refreshments were served to the players of the opposing team after the games.

Tacomas 5, Garrison 1.

On Saturday evening, January 31st, the Tacoma Hockey Club, of the Mount Royal Intermediate City League, Montreal, played an exhibition hockey match against the Garrison team on the Academy rink.

A very severe wind and snow flurry lasting from about 6 to 7.30 p.m. unfortunately kept away a large number of the local fans, but those who did turn out were rewarded by finding an excellent sheet of ice and witnessing a first class exhibition of hockey.

The Tacomas are a well schooled team, and played a fast, clean, and scientific game, while the Garrison put up a good argument, and turned in a much better game than

the score would indicate.

The teams lined up as follows:

Tacomas		Garrison
Armstrong	goal	Nordheimer
Hart	defence	Stanyar
Pollock	"	Blais
Healey	centre	Home
Burnett	r. wing	McKerrall
Duclos	l. wing	Connelly
Barry	spare	Salmon
Holland	"	Gardner
		Boucher
		Rowe
		Brennan

Summary:

First Period
Tacomas, Hart, Pollack and Burnett.

Second Period
Tacomas, Barry.

Third Period
Tacomas, Duclos; Garrison, Home.
Referee, Mr. P. Breault.

After the game an informal smoker was held, and light refreshments were served to the players at the Windsor Hotel.

Garrison, 4; K. of C., 2

At the Academy rink on February 2nd the Garrison doubled the

score against the Knights of Columbus in a City League fixture.

The Garrison team turned in a splendid game, and at all times had the play well in hand. About midway through the first period a mix-up in front of the Knights' goal resulted in one of their own players kindly placing the puck in the nets for us. Seeing how easily it could be done, our own forwards got busy and produced some really good combination, with the result that Captain Home, receiving a beautiful pass from Stanyar, added another goal to our credit.

Our attack was continued into the second period when a combined rush of our forwards resulted in Captain Home scoring again. After an individual rush Stanyar, who had been playing his best game of the season, got clean through the defence and beat the Knights' goaler for fourth tally.

In the final period the Garrison settled down to play a defensive game, and held the Knights in check until the last few minutes of the game, when the Knights as usual came in strong at the finish and managed to score two goals in quick succession. The final gong, however, found the Garrison on



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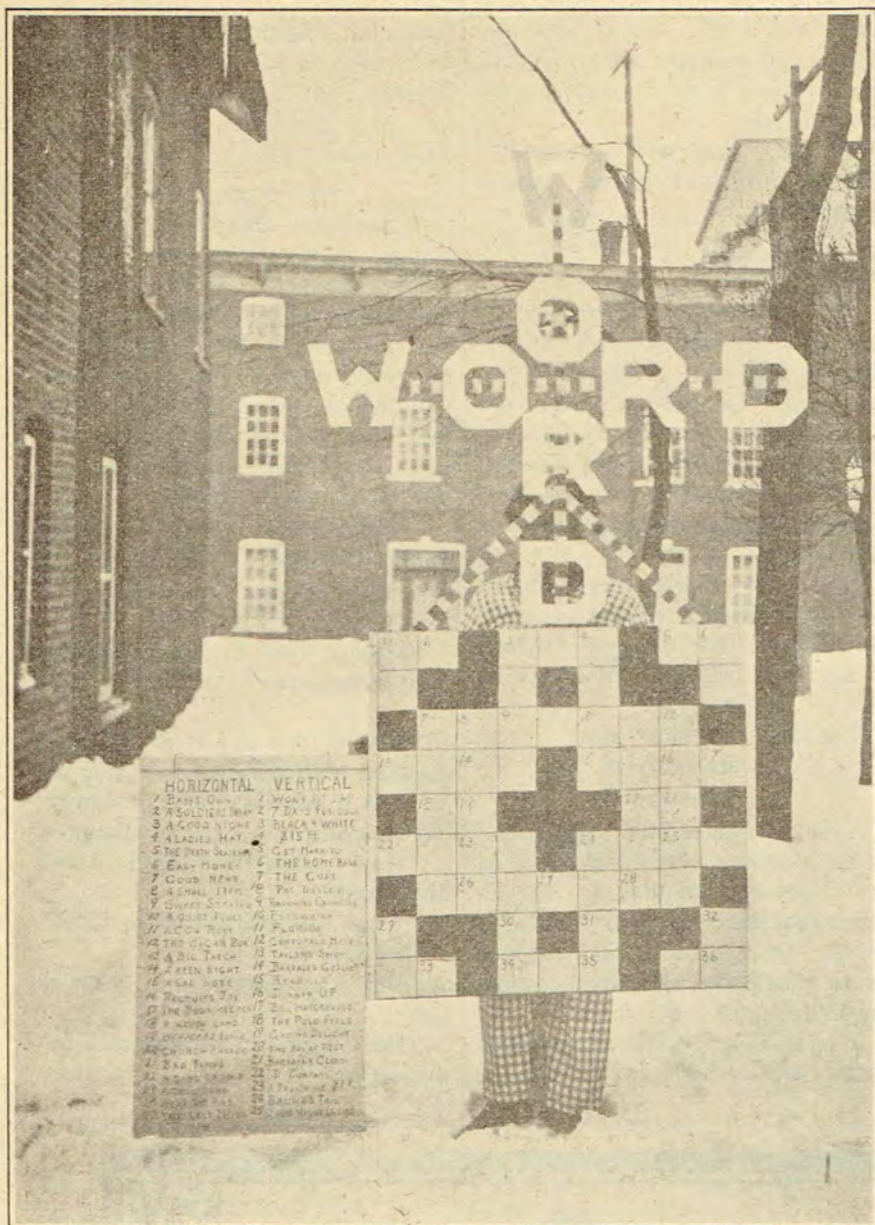
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to by a score of 4-2, and also tied

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Garrison, 4; Farnham, 3.

The Farnham team of the Eastern Townships League, visited us on Sunday, February 8th, and played an exhibition game on the Barracks rink. The day was ideal from a spectator's point of view, but very heavy going for those on the ice. The very thought of Farnham seems to cause the Troops to play real hockey and it is very strange to note that the Garrison has never been defeated by the Railway Town, either on the Barracks rink or at Farnham, whilst every other team in the St. Johns League who try to do the same thing usually get a trimming.

The Garrison started off with a rush, and showed the value of ex-

perience gained during the game with Tacomas and the College, the forwards got in some good combination, which was responsible for three out of our four goals.

Within the first three minutes of play McKerrall, receiving a long pass to the right wing, landed a beautiful shot in the net. Play continued up and down the ice, the Garrison having a slight advantage in the play, until a rush by the Farnham forwards got through our defence. Major Nordheimer got the shot but was unable to clear right to the mouth of the goal, batted it in, making the score one all.

Within half a minute of play Captain Home batted one in from a face-off in front of the Farnham goal.

The period ended with Garrison 2, Farnham 1.

In the second period the Garrison had much the best of the play, and as the result of passes from McKerrall and Stanyar, Captain Home scored two more. The ice was very soft, and all the substitutes were used for reliefs, Gard-

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ner relieved Blais on the defence and played a strong game, whilst Major Salmon, Tprs. Rowe and Brennan did some useful relieving on the forward line.

In the third period the Garrison played a defensive game, and Farnham were all out to catch up. They managed to score twice, but the final whistle found the Garrison on top of a 4-3 score.

It was a good example of a friendly game, there being but few penalties and those all of a minor nature.

Teams.

Garrison	Farnham
Mjr. Nordheimer goal	Morrisette
Cpl. Stanyar defence	Lussier
Pte. Blais	Gauthier
Capt. Home centre	Moody
Tpr. Connelly wing	Petuin
L/Cpl. McKerrall	Lengtin
Major Salmon spare	Gagnon
Sgt. Gardner	Emery
Sgt. Godin	Kavanaugh
L/Cpl. Boucher	
Tpr. Rowe	

Referee, Mr. P. Breault.

First Period

Garrison, McKerrall and Home; Farnham, Emery.

Second Period

Garrison, Home (two).

Third Period

Farnham, Petuin and Emery.

The Farnham team were guests of the Garrison for dinner and supper.

Amongst a number of good stories about Boy Scouts is one concerning a newly-joined recruit who one day propounded to his father the following query:

"Daddy, what is a Dago?"

Father thought hard for some seconds.

"A Dago, my son," he then replied, "is a term used by British sailors to denote some member of a Southern European race."

"Well, daddy, I've got to be very kind to them now. The Scoutmaster told us today that no Boy Scout should let a Dago by without doing some kindly act!"

Two impecunious Scotsmen came upon a wayside inn. They had only sixpence between them, so they ordered a nip of whisky.

They were hesitating who should have the first drink, when an acquaintance joined them. Pretending that they had just drunk, one of them handed the new-comer the whisky, requesting him to join

them in a drink. He did so, and after a few minutes of painful suspense said, "Now, boys, you have one with me?"

"Wasn't that well managed?" said the first man to his companion afterwards.

"Aye," said the other, "but dreadfu' risky!"

A young Scotsman fell desperately in love with a charming girl but could not screw up enough courage to ask her to be his wife. One day a brilliant idea occurred to him. He took her to the local churchyard and pausing before a large tombstone, said:

"Jean, ma grandfather is buried here, ma father is buried here, and ma mither is buried here—in fact, a' ma folk lie here. Wud ye no like tae lie here tae?"

The lady said she "wud!"

So they were married.

A Scottish actor was touring, and in his journeys reached Belfast. At the docks he was met by the advance manager, who took him to his rooms. On their way they stopped at an hotel, and the advance man stood the actor a drink.

When they finally descended from their second taxi it was the

Scotsman's turn to pay, whereupon he turned to his friend (an Englishman) with the remark: "You'll have to pay, old man; I haven't any Irish money yet."

A Scotsman and a Jew had been dining together (we can't say at whose expense). However, both had taken too much wine, and on the way home the Jew thought he would have a joke at his companion's expense. He started singing "Maxwelton Praes are Bonnie," and with that he measured his length on the road.

The Scotsman looked down at him and added "Whaur early fa's the Jew."

Two men were watching the shipping going out of the Port of London.

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